

Security Fee Lease, Well # 39

Date of Spill: February 3, 2008

Location: Greka Oil and Gas, Security Fee Lease, Well #30, California

Amount of Spill: Total (oil and water): 2 barrels of oil

On February 1 and 2, 2008, the U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Strike Team (PST) representing the EPA OSC advised Greka to mitigate oil underneath the drill rig working on the well. Greka failed to cleanup the oil. On February 3, 2008, EPA and PST discovered the spilled oil was migrating in heavy rain into an unnamed tributary to Bradley Canyon Creek which drains to the Santa Maria River. As EPA was unable to contact Greka, EPA initiated response operations. Once Greka was contacted they took over response operations. The spill has been mitigated. EPA issued a Notice of Federal Interest to Greka for this spill.

Website: www.epaosc.net/Greka_Security_Fee_Well_30



Above: The original earthen berm, set up by the Greka drillers to contain the oil generated by the sand line. The boom around the berm was placed by EPA. The bermed area was originally overflowing with oil, but had been pumped by Greka.

Picture: U.S. EPA

Below: Sheen in the creek (denoted by red arrow).

Picture: U.S. EPA



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